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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to submit the attached FOIA request letter. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding my request. I appreciate your assistance and look forward to receiving your response.

Yours,

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive FOIA Sequence Number 20160089EPA004

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request disclosure of the following documents for inspection and possible copying:

Documents relating to the **Bonn Climate Change Conference**, which took place from **June 4-15, 2014**, and included the 40th sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA). The fifth meeting of the second session of the *Ad Hoc* Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP 2-5) also took place. The Bonn Climate Change Conference marked the first time in UNFCCC history that high-level ministerial events convened outside of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the COP serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP). Ministerials convened during the first two days of the session, including the High-Level Ministerial Roundtable under the Kyoto Protocol, which aimed to assess implementation of the Protocol and provide ministers with an opportunity to increase their quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments (QELRCs). The High-Level Ministerial Dialogue on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action aimed to raise pre-2020 ambition and provide momentum for negotiations on the 2015 agreement. The ADP 2-5 sessions were organized into two workstreams: workstream 1 (2015 agreement) and workstream 2 (pre-2020 ambition). Under workstream 1, the ADP discussed: mitigation; adaptation; finance; technology and capacity building (means of implementation); transparency; intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs); and other related issues. Under workstream 2, Thematic Expert Meetings (TEMs) on the urban environment and land use were organized, and a forum on the role of cities and subnational authorities in mitigation and adaptation was also convened.

The scope of the search for relevant documents would include, but not be limited to, documents prepared for the EPA Administrator and/or any other EPA officials who were either involved in preparations for the meeting or were part of the U.S. delegation to the meeting. I am primarily interested in documents that deal in a substantive manner with U.S. policy regarding the discussions at the Bonn conference as described above. Relevant documents would include, but not be limited to, cables reporting on the meetings, memoranda of conversation with U.S. or foreign officials from the key Annex I governments (Great Britain, France, Germany, the EU, Russia, India, China and Japan) prior to or during the meeting; briefing papers for members of the U.S. delegation to the meeting; agendas and minutes of inter-agency meetings held to discuss U.S. policy objectives for the conference, analyses of the negotiating history regarding the climate change talks; analyses of positions held by other governments, and assessments of Congressional or business concerns regarding U.S.

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adherence to new climate change treaties. You may exclude from the scope of this request any documents that are of a purely administrative or logistical nature, or which provide information that is already publicly available, i.e., news briefings, press clippings, published academic or foundation reports and studies, and the official UN reports and documents available on the UN website at <http://unfccc.int/meetings/items/6237.php>.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable nonexempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

As a representative of the news media, the National Security Archive qualifies for "representative of the new media" status under 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(a)(4)(A)(ii)(II) and, therefore, may not be charged search and review fees. (See *National Security Archive v. U.S. Department of Defense*, 880 F.2d 1381 (D.C. Cir. 1989), *cert denied*, 110 S Ct. 1478 (1990)). This request is made as part of a scholarly and news research project that is intended for publication and is not for commercial use. For details on the Archive's research and extensive publication activities please see our website at www.nsarchive.org. Please notify me before incurring photocopying costs over \$100.

To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty-day statutory time period.

Sincerely,

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